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SUBJECT: DAVID STARR JORDAN AND TOWNSEND CROMWELL CLEARANCE
REQUEST

1. TWO NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
(NOAA) FISHERIES RESEARCH SHIPS, THE DAVID STARR JORDAN
AND THE TOWNSEND CROMWELL, ARE PLANNING TO CONDUCT
RESEARCH IN ECUADORIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, INCLUDING
GALAPAGOS ISLAND, DURING THE PERIOD 30 JAN - 4 FEB 1976.
THE SHIPS ARE PUBLIC VESSELS OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL
MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS).

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ASCERTAIN THE
BOUNDARIES OF OFFSHORE PORPOISE DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE
EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE
SPOTTED AND SPINNER PORPOISE SPECIES. DELIMITING THE
WESTERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES ARE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES.
THE SURVEY IS DESIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE DISTRIBUTIONS
IN REGIONS OF PRESENTLY UNDERSTOOD BOUNDARIES ALONG
DIVERGENCE AND CONVERGENCE REGIONS OF THE EQUATORIAL
CURRENTS AND NEAR OCEANIC ISLANDS.

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3. BOTH VESSELS WILL OBSERVE PORPOISE AND BIRD ACTIVITY

AND COMPLETE FOUR XBT STATIONS DURING 200 MILES OF TRACK
DISTANCE EVERY 24 HOURS. UP TO 2 HOURS EACH NIGHT WILL

BE SPENT CONDUCTING PELAGIC TRAWLS AND NIGHT-LIGHT
SAMPLING FOR SQUID AND EPIPELAGIC/MESOPELAGIC FISH. ANY
SAMPLES TAKEN WILL BE SHARED WITH ECUADORIAN SCIENTISTS.
TWO BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ECUADORIAN PARTICIPANTS
AND THEY CAN JOIN THE SHIPS IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,
OR HONOLULU, HAWAII AND DEPART IN PANAMA. CONTACT DOS
OR NOAA FOR FURTHER DETAILS, IF REQUIRED. COPIES OF ALL
DATA RESULTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOE.

4(A). DAVID STARR JORDAN IS CAPTAINED BY CHARLES W.
FORSTER WITH A CREW OF 16 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 6.
CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. WILLIAM LENARZ. SHIP IS 171 FEET
LONG, 33 FOOT BEAM, 12 FOOT DRAFT AND 875 GROSS TONS.

4(B). TOWNSEND CROMWELL IS CAPTAINED BY MERRITT N.
WALTER WITH A CREW OF 12 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 5. DR.
DAVID AU IS CHIEF SCIENTIST. SHIP IS 163 FEET LONG,
33 FT. BEAM, 9 FT. DRAFT AND 564 GROSS TONS.

4(C). CALL LETTERS OF THE SHIPS ARE DAVID STARR JORDAN
(WTDK), TOWNSEND CROMWELL (WTDF), AND A CONTINUOUS
WATCH IS MAINTAINED ON 2182 KHZ.

5(A). PORT CALL IS PLANNED AT ISLA SAN CRISTOBAL ON
2 FEB. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK PORT CALL CLEARANCE.

5(B). REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK GOE APPROVAL FOR JORDAN AND
CROMWELL TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN GOE TERRITORIAL WATERS,
INCLUDING GALAPAGOS ISLAND, DURING 30 JAN - 4 FEB 1976.
CRUISE TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM. INGERSOLL

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